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In re Application of :
Laurent Audoly et al :
Serial No.: 09/977,761 : PETITION DECISION
Filed: October 15, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: PC23006A :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed December 3, 2003, requesting withdrawal of abandonment based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on March 19, 2003, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed October 3, 2003. Applicants state that a reply was submitted on April 21, 2003, and provide a copy of the reply and a copy of an Office date stamped return postcard showing receipt by the Office on April 28, 2003. The original reply has not been located and the copy provided with the petition will be used in lieu thereof. The reply is considered timely. In view of applicants' timely reply the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number, 703-872-9306.


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